

PROJECT REVIEW SHEET - EZ1

HISTORIC & CULTURAL RESOURCES REVIEW

Property / Client Name:	Downey Farmstead Final Design, 11-1219
Worksite Name/Number:	Downey Farmstead Property (Worksite 1 of 1)
Funding Agency:	Rec. and Conserv. Office

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PLEASE DESCRIBE THE TYPE OF WORK TO BE COMPLETED

(Be as detailed as possible to avoid having to provide additional information)

Provide a detailed description of the proposed project:

The project request is for final design and permitting of the Downey Farmstead Restoration Project. The project site is located along the left (south) bank of the Green River between river mile (RM) 21.5 and RM 22.3. The downstream edge of the site coincides with the confluence of Mullen Slough with the Green River. The City of Kent owns the four parcels of land totaling 21.80 acres in the project area which is located in unincorporated King County. The main goal of the project is to create off-channel rearing and refuge habitat for use in winter and spring months by juvenile salmon, particularly juvenile Chinook salmon, that inhabit the Green River. Enhancing habitat for improved juvenile salmonid rearing, lifestage diversity, and productivity is a priority in the Green River watershed. A secondary goal of the project is to create additional flood storage to help alleviate flood damages in urban and agricultural areas in the project vicinity. Realignment of Frager Road from near the top of bank and through the site to the southern portion of the properties is necessary to allow creation of the side channel network and expanded floodplain. The road alignment will provide a greater buffer/setback from the river and will continue to provide necessary vehicular, bicycle and pedestrian access adjacent to river. A feasibility study and 30% design document for the Downey Farmstead was successfully completed with 2008 SRFB funding (08-1659). The property was purchased with 2002 SRFB funding (02-1601).

Describe existing project site conditions.

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The project site is currently vacant and undeveloped. The 21.8 acre site was part of the 160 acres that was the 1863 homestead claim of the Patrick Downey family. Downey engaged in agricultural pursuits including hops, hay, and grain growing, as well as dairying. A residence, barn, two garages, a shed and chicken houses were present on the site in 1910. In later years, some of the project site was leased as a truck farm and tree nursery. A more detailed history of each parcel is in the Project Description attachment. Historically, the project area likely provided juvenile Chinook salmon refuge during floods within swampy habitat (wetlands) associated with a mosaic of floodplain forest and wetlands. Juvenile Chinook salmon and other salmonids likely also reared in these wetlands for some period of time. In addition, large logjams apparently occurred in the vicinity, which likely provided habitat complexity and additional rearing opportunities for juvenile Chinook salmon in the associated pool habitat (Latterell 2009).

Describe any proposed ground disturbing activities. That is, will a tool(s) be used to move earth (soil, rock, gra

Will buildings be altered or demolished? If so please complete a DAHP Determination of Eligibility EZ2 form for each building affected by the proposed project and attach the form to your project in PRISM. <http://www.dahp.wa.gov/pages/Documents/Sites.htm>

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If no PRISM map, please attach a copy of the relevant portion of a 7.5 series
USGS quad map and outline the project impact area.
(USGS Quad maps are available on-line at <http://www.topozone.com>)

Worksite Location (identified with star):

Address:

Township: 22N

Range: 04E

Section: 23

City: Kent

County: King

Latitude: 47.38

Longitude: -122.27

